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Town Square Now Restoring Snow Building

Town Square investors and developers earmarked the historic Gates-Snow Building in downtown Provo for restoration which should be complete within a few months, Craig Call, Town Square manager, said recently.

He also said the next building to be restored will likely be the old Princess Theatre, currently housing the Uinta Theater.

The Gates-Snow Building at 43 E. Center St. was erected around 1890 to house a furniture company owned by Jacob Gates and Moroni Snow.

Also general contractor for the project, Call says the building is among the better-preserved structures in Provo.

"It is not in the best state of repair, but represents the least changes over the years." He suspects the third floor is little changed from how it appeared 94 years ago. A land title company has committed to occupy the third floor when restoration is complete, according to Call.

He anticipates the restoration will be "substantially complete" within 60 days. An office equipment company on the ground floor plans to continue with business as usual.

The restoration, projected at a cost of \$35,000, will include adding an elevator, new stairs,

adding a fire sprinkling system, and replacing the heating, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems, Call said. Funding is coming from an investor in Honolulu.

"This is a project we have been excited to begin, because the front will be one of the most impressive in the downtown when we are finished," Call said.

The building's stamped, metal front facade is its most notable feature, and architectural historians rate it as possibly "the best-preserved" tin facade in Utah, Call said. He noted that most of the elaborate trim on the turn-of-the-century buildings in downtown Provo is metal.

"Lots of people think it is stone or wood or even molded plaster, but actually, galvanized metal was really the rage about 1890 in Provo as well as across the country."

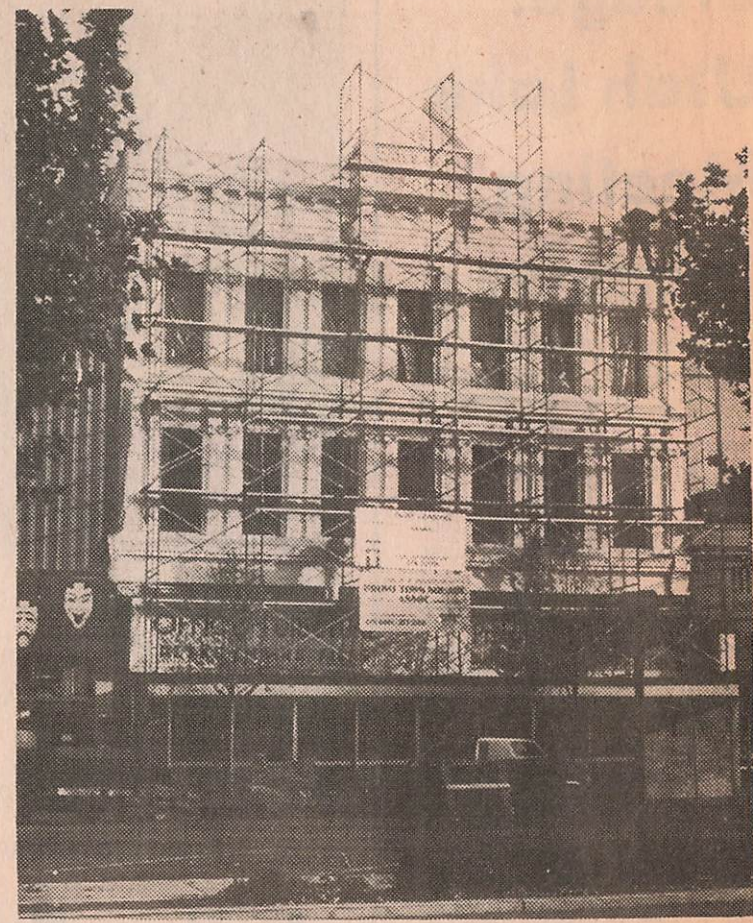
The Gates-Snow Building is the eighth structure in the central business district to be renovated since investors began the Town Square commercial revitalization project about two years ago. The work will bring to 110,000 the square footage of renovated commercial space in Town Square, at a cost of about \$3.75 million.



The look of the Gates-Snow Building on East Center in Provo hasn't changed much since it was first built in 1890.

The Gates-Snow Building was one of six acquired last March by Provo Town Square backers in a stock purchase from Inland Real Estate Co., managers of the building as an asset of descendants of Fred W. Taylor and Alex Hedquist. Taylor and Hedquist, a pharmacist and doctor, began operating Inland Real Estate and

Investment Co. in 1905. They bought the Gates-Snow Building from Jesse Knight in 1917, remodeling the second floor to serve as Taylor's medical clinic. Call found in research that the property the Gates-Snow building is on originally was owned by Brigham Young, who in June 1877 deeded it to trustees of



Brigham Young Academy as a source of funding for the two-year-old school. Two months later he passed away. Gates and Snow obtained the property in 1889. Gates had married Brigham Young's daughter Susa. The two men ran the furniture business until Gates left in 1902 on a mission for The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The furniture store gave way in 1907 to a fruit and vegetable business run by William Roylance, then mayor of Provo. "We are delighted to be able to preserve such a remarkable landmark and help to revitalize our downtown business climate at the same time," Call said.

Dredge: Utah Lake Meeting

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the most cost-effective in the long run.

Naylor said high water in Utah Lake has had an impact on state and county roads, the freeway, sewage treatment plants, boat harbors and marinas, productive farm land and residences.

"High ground water has affected land and homes three, four and five miles back from the lake shore."

He told legislators that Utah Lake is expected to rise six feet above Compromise Level again this year, and high water in the lake will be a problem for several more years.

"If the project is constructed in 1985, the lake can be lowered during the winter and over a period of three years can be brought down to Compromise."

He noted that if the project was in place now, the lake could be topped at 2.5 feet above Compromise next year.

Naylor said costs can be trimmed by delaying start of construction until March, a move which would make a difference of only one inch in the level of Utah Lake.

The lake will remain high this year because "the best time to drain Utah Lake is right now, and we don't have the benefit of this project," he said.

G. Marion Hinckley, a landowner near the lake, emphasized that material dredged from Jordan River "will be a plus for the lake."



Phil Shurtleff Photo

Judge Verl Morgan rules on BYU quarterback Robbie Bosco's incarceration.

Jail a Friend, Relative, Boss For Cancer Society Benefit

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Arrested for wearing red, Brigham Young University football quarterback Robbie Bosco pleaded guilty before the judge — the judge for the American Cancer Society that is

Each person arrested must pose for a mug shot and then make a plea before the judge who will set a bail of \$250. The arrestee is then allowed to make as many phone calls in an hour as he can in order to raise the money from friends.

Robbie Bosco was sentenced to "Win the Holiday Bowl" rather than pay the \$250 bail, but others won't be so lucky.

The society hopes to raise \$10,000 during the two day event. A joint arrest operation is being conducted in Salt Lake City.

3 Companies Want TV Station in Provo

By **JOSEPHINE ZIMMERMAN**
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Three different companies are vying for the right to operate a UHF television station in Provo.

A preliminary hearing for the UHF permit is scheduled Nov. 28 in Washington D.C., and a comparative hearing is scheduled some time after the first of the year, according to Ross Boyd, president of Morro Rock Resources, Inc., one of the applicants. The station would be operated as Channel 16.

If the Morro Rock Resources, Inc. application is approved, a location for the station will be found in Provo, Boyd said.

Boyd, who lives in Morro Bay,

Calif., said his company is a Utah public corporation with 225 stockholders, most of them from Utah. Some stockholders are from California and some eastern states.

"The company became a public corporation about 18 months ago," Boyd said.

Fred Strauss, Porterville, Calif., is a corporation officer in addition to Boyd. A third officer, John F. Quirk, recently resigned after the governor of California appointed him to the Superior Court bench.

Two other applicants are Skagit Publishing Company of Seattle, Wash., and Sam Joseph Broadcasting Company of Salt Lake City.

Veterans Day A Busy Time At Orem City (By Choice)

Employees at most government agencies celebrated Veterans Day by taking Monday off.

But, those at Orem City were hard at work.

Peggy D'Avignon, Personnel Division manager, said employees are allowed the day after Thanksgiving and a "personal holiday," off, but are required to work Arbor Day in

April and Veterans Day.

The personal holiday allows employees to select a day of their choice and skip work that day.

"I have never used it," said City Manager Daryl Berlin. "A lot of employees take it off on their birthday."

He noted other cities also offer their employees personal holidays.